



MARIAN HOUSE

LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Marian House friend,

The last few days have been difficult for everyone and we hope that you are staying safe and healthy as we face this global pandemic together.

At Marian House, we are taking this current health crisis very seriously and have taken necessary steps to ensure the well-being and safety of our staff, residents, and volunteers. ***For this reason we have paused volunteer activities and postponed Marian House events through April 30th.*** You can find a list of postponed / rescheduled events below.

Please know that these pauses and postponements do not mean that Marian House has ceased operations! This is a challenging time for everyone, but especially for individuals who have experienced trauma, isolation, and fear throughout their lives – which is true for every woman we serve. When each woman enters our care, we know that we have a responsibility for her health and well-being, and we do not take that duty lightly. Because of this, ***our services cannot cease.*** We will continue to house and serve the women and children in our care. Our residents are most vulnerable during this state of instability.

That said, please know that we are taking all necessary precautions to ensure that the safety of our staff and residents is not compromised in the continuation of services. We have instituted immediate procedures and protocol for our staff and residents, closely following the CDC recommendations for preventing the spread of the virus, including social distancing, hand washing, stricter food handling procedures, and more. We are in regular communication with federal, state and city agencies that support our program. Beginning Monday, March 23rd, only essential staff will be present at Marian House. All other staff will be working remotely if able and we are currently working to establish tele-health services to ensure that residents can continue to receive therapy throughout this crisis.



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Like you, we are adjusting to a different “normal” for the time being in order to do our part in slowing the progression of this virus as much as possible.

As friends of Marian House, we care about your well-being and safety and ask that you take all necessary precautions to keep you and your families healthy. We will get through this and appreciate your continued prayers and support for the next several weeks.

Wishing you good health and peace,

Katie

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